



WAFWA 2003

Port Angeles, Washington
July 17-23, 2003

**Making the connection:
Sustainable resources
and a strong economy**

Sol Duc Falls, Olympic National Park
- Bruce Sanford -

Welcome to Washington – The Evergreen State!



Whether you prefer leisurely adventures or more high stakes thrills, Washington's variety gives you many options – the high desert, the rain forest, alpine wilderness, the inland waters of Puget Sound, pristine islands, famous mountains, rivers large or intimate, driving into the heart of Washington's wine or volcano country, taking a float plane out to the San Juan Islands, llama-trekking in the high country OR visiting Port Angeles, known as the gateway to Olympic National Park and the host city of the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) annual conference.

WAFWA was founded in 1922 and is an organization of public agencies charged with the protection and management of fish and wildlife and their habitats. There are currently 23 member states and provinces. This organization is key in promoting the principles of sound resource management and the strengthening of federal, state, and private cooperation in protecting and managing our fish and wildlife resources. The Association holds meetings twice a year, publishes proceedings, and reports to members on issues of immediate or special concern. WAFWA creates a more effective system of fish and wildlife management by providing opportunities to exchange information and ideas, thereby saving individual states lengthy or costly trials on new programs.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is pleased to be the WAFWA 2003 host.

Welcome to Port Angeles!

Since it was officially established as the location of the Custom House in 1861, Port Angeles has had a long and colorful history. But its history started long before that when the Lower Elwha S'Klallam Tribe used what is now called Hollywood beach as a fishing village. This site is now frontage for the waterfront trail, City pier, and your host hotel – the Red Lion Inn.



Travel Options

By Air

Fly into William R. Fairchild International Airport in Port Angeles via Sea-Tac International Airport in Seattle

By Air & Ground

Fly into Sea-Tac International Airport in Seattle and rent a vehicle and take one of the scenic routes outlined below:

Ferry Schedule Information (Seattle – 206-464-6400; WA & BC – 888-808-7977;
WA & BC [automated] – 800-84-FERRY; <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/>)
Information on Hood Canal Bridge openings/closures – 800-419-9085

- ❖ Kingston/Edmonds Ferry (North I-5 to Edmonds; Ferry to Kingston; West Hwy 104 [via Hood Canal Floating Bridge]; North Hwy 101)
- ❖ Bainbridge Island Ferry (North I-5 to Seattle; Ferry to Bainbridge Island; West to Hwy 3; West Hwy 104 [via Hood Canal Bridge]; North Hwy 101)
- ❖ Bremerton Ferry (North I-5 to Seattle; Ferry to Bremerton; North Hwy 3, West Hwy 104 [via Hood Canal Bridge]; North Hwy 101)
- ❖ Tacoma Narrows/Hood Canal Floating Bridge (South I-5 to Tacoma; West Hwy 16 to Bremerton; North Hwy 3, West Hwy 104 [via Hood Canal Bridge], North Hwy 101)

MOST SCENIC ROUTE:

- ❖ Olympia/North Highway 101 along Hood Canal (South I-5 to Olympia; North Hwy 101)

United States/Canada Travel

Customs officers will inspect documentation, vehicles, and baggage crossing the U.S./Canadian border. When you arrive at the border, have ready your photo ID and proof of citizenship at hand: a valid passport, citizenship card or birth certificate are the best proof of citizenship. **For information on customs declarations for U.S. and Canadian citizens and current conditions at four border crossings in BC, visit the following sites:** Canada Custom and Revenue Agency <http://www.ccr-aadrc.gc.ca/customs/individuals/canadians-e.htm>.> U.S. Customs Traveler Information <http://www.customs.ustras.gov/travel/travel.htm>



Conference Overview

Thursday, July 17 **Travel Day**

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Guest Activity: Salt Creek
Recreation Area Marine
Conservation and Education
Beach Walk
12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Registration
5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Hospitality Room

Friday, July 18 **Retreat Day**

4:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Directors' Retreat (box lunch
provided; time tentative)
7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Commissioners' Retreat (box
lunch provided)
8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Registration
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Meetings: Fish Chiefs, Mule
Deer,
IAFWA Trapping/Furbearer
Management Workshop
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Guest Activity: Tour to historic
Port Townsend
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Directors'/Commissioners'
Reception hosted by the
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
(Federal Directors welcome)
5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Hospitality Room

Saturday, July 19 **Forum/Committee Day** **(Lunch and AM/PM Breaks)**

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Registration
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Directors' Forum
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Commissioners' Committee
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Meeting: Mule Deer
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Meetings: Wildlife Chiefs, Fish
Chiefs, USFS

Saturday, July 19 **Forum/Committee Day** **(continued)**

8:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. Meeting: Legal Committee
Attorneys
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Guest Activity: Tour to Neah
Bay/Makah Indian Reservation
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch Served
1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Meeting: Wildlife Health
1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Joint Meeting: Directors and
Commissioners
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Hospitality Room

Sunday, July 20 **Committee Day (AM/PM** **Breaks)**

6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. Meeting: Directors' ESA
Working Group
7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Registration
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Meeting: State/Federal
Communications
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Guest Activity: Tour to Hoh
Rain Forest
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Meetings:
Nongame/Endangered Species,
Resource I&E, Human
Dimensions, Habitat,
Enforcement
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Meeting: Indigenous Peoples'
Relations
1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Meetings: Issues Management,
Public Wildlife/Private Lands,
Five-State Commission, Legal,
Human/Wildlife Conflicts
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Meeting: Executive
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Dinner on the Pier

*Making the Connection: Sustainable resources and a
strong economy*



Conference Overview

Monday, July 21

Plenary Session Day (Lunch and AM/PM Breaks)

7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Making the Connection: Sustainable Resources and a Strong Economy

Speakers scheduled to appear include:

The Honorable Gary Locke, Governor of Washington State (*confirmed*)
Billy Frank, Jr., Chairman, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission (*confirmed*)
The Honorable Norm Dicks, U.S. Congressman from Washington State (*tentative*)
Bill Ruckelshaus, Chairman, Washington State Salmon Recovery Funding Board (*tentative*)
Bill Wilkerson, Executive Director, Washington Forest Protection Association (*confirmed*)
Dean Sutherland, Senior Manager, Communications & Community Relations, Clark Public Utilities, and former Washington State Senator (*confirmed*)

Cooperative Compliance

Dr. Nicholas P. Lovrich, Director of Governmental Studies and Services, Washington State University (*confirmed*)

Michael J. Gaffney, J.D., Assistant Director of Governmental Studies and Services, Washington State University (*confirmed*)

Mike Bireley, Project Development Coordinator, Natural Resources Leadership Academy, Washington State University – Cooperative Extension (*confirmed*)

Dayna Matthews, West Coast ESA Enforcement Coordinator, NOAA Fisheries Office of Law Enforcement (*confirmed*)

9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Guest Activity: Tour to Hurricane Ridge/Olympic National Park

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch Served

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Awards Banquet and Closing of Silent Auction

Tuesday, July 22

Plenary Session and Business Meeting Day (AM/PM Breaks)

7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Plenary Session Continues and Concludes

Making the connection:

Sustainable resources and a strong economy

Potential Panel Discussions

Policy Direction (Legislators)
 Policy Implementation (User Groups)

9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Guest Activity: Tour to Olympic Game Farm and Cedarbrook Herb & Lavender Farm

12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Directors' & Commissioners' Luncheon

1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Business Meeting

5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Hospitality Room

Wednesday, July 23 Business Meeting Day (AM Break)

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Business Meeting and Adjournment

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**Organized
Guest Activities**

(Departure/return times subject to change.)

Thursday, July 17, 2003 **BEACH WALK**

WDFW's Marine Conservation and Education Program Specialist, Alan Rammer, will lead a beach walk at Salt Creek Recreation Area. Salt Creek Recreation Area is well known among the locals of the northern Olympic Peninsula for its exceptional diversity of marine life that is visible during minus tides. Alan has been with the Department for 27 years (the last 18 heading the marine outreach and education program).

How do I know this trip is for me? Do you enjoy a sense of adventure into new habitats? Have you ever watched barnacles eat with their feet? Why do sea cucumbers seem to "blow up" when you hold them? How many eyes do sea stars have? Did you know they have pinchers, too? This is the time of year that many of the intertidal animals are spawning. You may find baby octopus, baby squid, many varieties of crab carrying their eggs, midshipman tending their intertidal nests or watch a moon snail create a "collar"! You may even find additional treasures (both geologically and anthropological) during the walk! **(9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; \$5.00/person)**

Friday, July 18, 2003 **PORT TOWNSEND**

Originally named "Port Townshend" in 1792, Port Townsend was immediately recognized as a good, safe harbor which it remains to this day. The official settlement of the city took place on April 24, 1851. It was called the "City of Dreams" because of early speculation that the city would be the largest harbor on the west coast, wealthy and prosperous. Somehow though, those early dreams failed to materialize. By the late 1800s, Port Townsend was a well known seaport, very active and banking on the future. Many homes and buildings were built during that time, with most of the architecture ornate Victorian. With the other Puget Sound ports growing in size, Port Townsend saw a rapid decline in population when the Northern Pacific Railroad failed to connect the city to the eastern Puget Sound city of Tacoma. By the late 1890s, the boom was over. Due to the disinterest in the economy, no development occurred for many years and therefore, most of the original structures from that era have survived.

Organized Guest Activities (continued)

Noted for a vast collection of Victorian homes, the city also has more than a dozen larger buildings, which are well preserved (Carnegie Library, the U.S. Post Office, The Rose Movie Theater to name a few).

Some things to do in Port Townsend include visiting art galleries, antique shops, and shopping. A leisurely guided walk will fill you in on some of the history and legends of Port Townsend. **(8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; \$15.00/person; lunch on your own)**

Saturday, July 19, 2003 NEAH BAY/MAKAH INDIAN RESERVATION

Neah Bay is the home of the Makah Indian Reservation, the Makah Cultural and Research Center Museum, a new marina, and a U.S. Coast Guard station. Along with its rich Native American culture, Neah Bay has a harbor protected by a breakwater and small island at the end of the breakwater, which forms the inner harbor. Today, Neah Bay caters to sports fishers at its new marina.

The Makah Tribe's 10,000-sq.-ft. museum, built in 1979, displays thousands of artifacts archaeologists dug up in the 1980s from a 3,000-year-old Indian fishing village discovered eight miles south of the reservation on the Pacific Ocean near Cape Alava. It is the largest archaeological collection held by any tribe in the U.S. The permanent exhibits include artifacts from the Ozette collection, uncovered from a Makah village partially buried by a mudslide nearly 500 years ago. Inside the museum you will find a full-size replica long house, and four cedar dug-out canoes. Whaling, sealing, and fishing gear, basketry and other tools are also on display, preserved by the unique conditions created by the mudslide. Artifacts from another ancient fishing village at the mouth of the Hoko River dig are also on display.

The museum shop contains carvings, basketry, and jewelry made by Makah artists, and a wide selection of prints, books and cards. **(8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; \$25.00/person; lunch on your own)**

Sunday, July 20, 2003 HOH RAIN FOREST

The Olympic National Park has been recognized internationally as a World Heritage Site. The valley's large old growth trees hung with moss, the ground a blanket of ferns, and possible sightings of deer and elk make this one of three most visited trails in the world. Among the only protected temperate rain forests in the Northern Hemisphere, the Hoh Rain Forest is a not-to-be-missed attraction on the west side of the Olympic Peninsula. Moisture-laden air from the Pacific brings an average of 140 inches of annual rainfall to the Hoh Valley (record of 190 inches), in addition to condensed mist that contributes another 30 inches. Nineteen miles inland from Highway 101, is the Hoh Rain Forest Visitor Center and three loop trails, which are easy to stroll and give a great sampling of the area: the Hall of Mosses Trail is $\frac{3}{4}$ mile and showcases moss-draped maples, magically green in the spring, spectacular with color in the fall and a treat any time of year; the 1- $\frac{1}{4}$ mile Spruce Nature Trail meanders through the younger forests of red alder and cottonwood, showing the landscape carved over thousands of years by a glacier-fed river (Hoh River); and a paved $\frac{1}{4}$ mile nature path suitable for a wheelchair or stroller. **(8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; \$30.00/person; box lunch provided)**

Organized Guest Activities (continued)

Monday, July 21, 2003

OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK – HURRICANE RIDGE

Visitors often drive the Hurricane Ridge for a taste of the park's high country and mountain vistas. Traveling to and from Hurricane Ridge you will stop to view the panoramic vista overlooking Sequim and Port Angeles, the Strait of Juan de Fuca and the southern tip of Vancouver Island, including the city of Victoria. A short walk away another lookout opens onto a magnificent vista of valleys and mountains.

Hurricane Hill trail begins at the end of the Hurricane Ridge road. In the 1-½ miles to the top of the hill are mountain peak vistas, a view of Port Angeles, and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Wildflowers are numerous in early summer. The Meadow Loop trails begin near the Hurricane Ridge Visitor Center. They offer strolls through a typical subalpine environment, thick with wildflowers in summer. Watch for black tailed deer and listen for the whistle of the Olympic marmot. The trail continues to Klahhane Ridge. Paved meadow trails are accessible with assistance. **(9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; \$15.00/person; lunch on your own)**

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

OLYMPIC GAME FARM & CEDARBROOK HERB AND LAVENDER FARM

A family run business, the Olympic Game Farm is home to many animal species. Many of the animals are veterans of the silver screen as the Game Farm worked exclusively for Walt Disney Studios, filming at the Farm and other Olympic Peninsula locations.

The Olympic Game Farm offers both walking and driving tours. These tours leave visitors with memories of amazing creatures, like friendly llamas eating bread from your hand, performing bears, grazing elk, ostrich, buffalo and zebras. In addition, you will see many animals, which are on the endangered species list, such as timber wolves, Siberian tigers, spotted leopards and African lions. In addition to the endangered species, the Farm is home to fox, coyote, bobcats, raccoons, badgers, cougars, bear cubs and many more varieties. The Game Farm is the place to get face-to-face and experience wildlife at close range.

A stop at the Cedarbrook Herb and Lavender Farm and lunch at Petals Garden Café will end the week-long activities. Walk around the 12-acre farm, which offers 60 kinds of lavender and over 200 herbs and perennials. A visit to the gift shop (a 100-year-old historic farmhouse) is a must. **(9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; \$20.00/person; lunch on your own)**

IAFWA TRAPPING/FURBEARER MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

SPONSOR:

International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (IAFWA)

WHAT:

Trapping Matters – Furbearer Management in Modern Wildlife Conservation

- Benefits of Regulated Trapping
- Tools and Techniques
- Communications

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the workshop is to raise awareness and understanding among wildlife professionals of the importance of regulated trapping to wildlife conservation and management, and to teach valuable communication skills for dealing with this controversial topic.

WHEN:

Friday, July 18, 2003 (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

WHERE:

Red Lion Inn, Port Angeles, Washington

(Held in conjunction with the annual conference of the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies)

ORGANIZERS:

Samara Trusso, Program Manager
IAFWA, Washington, D.C.

Thomas Decker, Wildlife Division Director
Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, Waterbury, Vermont

Judy Stokes, Public Affairs Chief
New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game, Concord, New Hampshire

TO REGISTER:

See WAFWA conference registration form. Registration deadline is May 31, 2003.
Registration fee \$20.00, which includes lunch, breaks, and take-home materials.



REGISTRATION FORM –WAFWA 2003 CONFERENCE

Payment MUST accompany this form – Faxes accepted only with credit card

Purchase Orders MUST be attached to this form – NO EXCEPTIONS

Note: Please make photocopies of this form for additional registrants

Any Questions? Call Dora Austin at (360) 902-2203, or Janine McKown at (360) 902-2201

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Daytime Phone _____ FAX _____

E-Mail _____

Guest Name _____

Name Badge Information

Print information below EXACTLY as it should appear on your name badge.

First Name or Nickname

Full Name

Title

Affiliation

City / State

CONFERENCE/ACTIVITY REGISTRATION SUMMARY

DAYS ATTENDING (Circle): **July** **17** **18** **19** **20** **21** **22** **23**

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION RECEIVED BY 5/31/03 \$250

LATE REGISTRATION RECEIVED AFTER 5/31/03 \$295

Attending:

Directors/Commissioners Retreat?

Yes No

Directors/Commissioners/Federal Regional Directors Reception?

Yes No

CONFERENCE HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Call the Red Lion Hotel

Room Rates: \$124/night-single \$144/night-double

Call to make your room reservations: (800) RED-LION

Refer to WAFWA when making your reservation.

MEETINGS/COMMITTEES I PLAN TO ATTEND

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| <input type="checkbox"/> IAFWA Trapping/Furbearer Mgmt. Workshop | <input type="checkbox"/> WL Health | <input type="checkbox"/> State/Federal Communications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BLM (if needed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Directors'/Commissioners' Joint Meeting | <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous Peoples' Relations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Directors' Forum | <input type="checkbox"/> Director ESA | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commissioners' Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> Human/WL Conflicts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mule Deer | <input type="checkbox"/> NG / ESA | <input type="checkbox"/> Issues Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WL Chiefs | <input type="checkbox"/> Resource I & E | <input type="checkbox"/> Public WL Private Lands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> USFS (if needed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Dimensions | <input type="checkbox"/> 5-State Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Chiefs | <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat | <input type="checkbox"/> Executive |

REGISTRATION FORM (Continued)
(Make Copies for Multiple Registrations)

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	COST	TOTAL COST
Early Registration (by 5/31/03)	\$ 250.00	\$
Late Registration (after 5/31/03)	\$ 295.00	\$

Sub-Total Conference Registration Cost \$

IAFWA TRAPPING/FURBEARER MGT. WORKSHOP ***Registration Deadline - 5/31/03***	\$20.00 <i>Sub-Total Workshop Cost</i>	\$
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TOTAL Registration/Workshop Cost: \$

ACTIVITY REGISTRATION	COST	# ATTENDING	TOTAL COST
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NOTE: Indicate number attending and appropriate total cost per activity

GUEST ACTIVITIES

Thursday, July 17, 2003

Beach Walk	\$ 5.00		
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Friday, July 18, 2003

Port Townsend (lunch is on your own)	\$ 15.00		
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Saturday, July 19, 2003

Neah Bay/Makah Indian Reservation (lunch is on your own)	\$ 25.00		
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Sunday, July 20, 2003

Hoh Rain Forest (a box lunch is provided)	\$ 30.00		
**Dinner on the Beach/Pier	\$ 30.00		

***Registrant free, guests \$30.00 per person*

Monday, July 21, 2003

Olympic National Park – Hurricane Ridge (lunch is on your own)	\$ 15.00		
**Awards Banquet	\$ 30.00		

***Registrant free, guests \$30.00/per person*

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Olympic Game Farm & Cedarbrook Herb & Lavender Farm (lunch is on your own)	\$ 20.00		
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Guest Activities Grand Total \$

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Mail this form with payment to:

WAFWA 2003
c/o Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Attn: Dora Austin
600 Capitol Way North
Olympia, Washington 98501-1091

Please DO NOT MAIL this form if you have already registered via FAX.

SORRY – NO American Express or Discover Cards accepted.

WAFWA FEDERAL TAX ID #82-0329350

REGISTRATION/IAFWA \$ _____

Guest activities \$ _____

Total payment \$ _____

- ☐ Enclosed Check (in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank)
- ☐ Attached Purchase Order # _____
- ☐ Visa/Mastercard # _____
- Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

Purchase orders MUST have registration forms attached for processing.

CANCELLATION POLICY: To receive a refund, WRITTEN cancellation must be faxed to (360) 902-2156, ATTN: Dora Austin, no later than 6/25/03. A \$25 processing fee will be deducted. Telephone cancellations WILL NOT be accepted.

Fun Washington State Facts

- ❖ The Olympic National Park is home to about 5,000 Roosevelt elk, the largest number of the species anywhere. The elk population is great enough that the city of Sequim monitors a local herd with electronic collars. This alerts motorists to animals crossing near the highway.
www.northwestsecretplaces.com
- ❖ Washington's wine appellations boast over 28,000 acres, making it second only to California in U.S. grapevine acreage. Over 100,000 tons of wine grapes were harvested in 2001 alone!
www.washingtonwine.org
- ❖ Short and stout it may be, but one of the oldest functioning gas stations in the U.S. is Zillah's Teapot Dome gas station. Shaped just like a teapot, this tourist favorite sits 15 miles south of Yakima along Highway 82. www.roadsideamerica.com/set/coffee.html
- ❖ Washington State has more than 157 miles of pristine and diverse Pacific coastline. Some is soft, sandy, and strollable, while other parts are rocky, rugged and romantic.
- ❖ Pass the ice cream! According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the largest apple pie ever made was in Washington, weighing in at 15 tons! Washington State exported 3.7 billion pounds of apples in 2002. www.bestapples.com
- ❖ Washington State operates the largest ferry fleet in the United States. Twenty-five ferries carry more than 26 million passengers to 20 different ports each year. www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries
- ❖ Southeastern Washington is home to Hells Canyon, the deepest river gorge in North America. It averages 5,500 feet in depth over a 40-mile section of its 100-mile length.
www.hellscanyonvisitor.com
- ❖ Mt. Rainier is an active volcano encased in more than 35 square miles of snow and ice. It is visited by almost 1.5 million tourists each year. www.nps.gov/mora
- ❖ Kennewick Man, found in 1996 along the shores of Columbia Park in Kennewick, is one of the oldest and most complete skeletons ever found in the Americas. He is estimated to be nearly 9,000 years old! www.washington.edu/burkemuseum
- ❖ More than 1,000 alpacas make their home in Arlington. Alpacas of America is home to the largest alpaca herd outside of South America. www.alpacal.com
- ❖ Have a high for kites? Visit the World Kite Museum and Hall of Fame in Long Beach. Kites, kite accessories, literature, memorabilia and educational programs can all be found there.
www.worldkitemuseum.com
- ❖ Soap Lake, located in Central Washington's Columbia River Plateau region, has attracted naturalists to its mineral-rich shores for over a century. It has long been thought that the lake's mud contains medicinal wonders that provide natural cures for an assortment of ailments.
www.soaplakecoc.org

AND finally...

You might be from the Pacific Northwest if:

- ❖ You know the state flower (Mildew)
- ❖ You feel guilty throwing aluminum cans or paper in the trash.
- ❖ Use the statement "sun break" and know what it means.
- ❖ You know more than 10 ways to order coffee.
- ❖ You know more people who own boats than air conditioners.
- ❖ You feel overdressed wearing a suit to a nice restaurant.
- ❖ You stand on a deserted corner in the rain waiting for the "Walk" Signal.
- ❖ You consider that if it has no snow or has not recently erupted, it is not a real mountain.
- ❖ You can taste the difference between Starbucks, Seattle's Best, and Veneto's.
- ❖ You know the difference between Chinook, Coho, and Sockeye salmon.
- ❖ You know how to pronounce Sequim, Puyallup, Issaquah, Oregon, and Willamette.
- ❖ You consider swimming an indoor sport.
- ❖ You can tell the difference between Japanese, Chinese and Thai food.
- ❖ In winter, you go to work in the dark and come home in the dark-while only working eight-hour days.
- ❖ You never go camping without waterproof matches and a poncho.
- ❖ You are not fazed by "Today's forecast: showers followed by rain," and "Tomorrow's forecast: rain followed by showers."
- ❖ You cannot wait for a day with "showers and sun breaks".
- ❖ You have no concept of humidity without precipitation.
- ❖ You know that Boring is a town in Oregon and not just a state of mind.
- ❖ You can point to at least two volcanoes, even if you cannot see through the cloud cover.
- ❖ You notice "the mountain is out" when it is a pretty day and you can actually see it.
- ❖ You put on your shorts when the temperature gets above 50, but still wear your hiking boots and parka.
- ❖ You switch to your sandals when it gets about 60, but keep the socks on.
- ❖ You have actually used your mountain bike on a mountain.
- ❖ You think people who use umbrellas are either wimps or tourists.
- ❖ You knew immediately that the view out of Frasier's window was fake.
- ❖ You buy new sunglasses every year, because you can't find the old ones after such a long time.
- ❖ You measure distance in hours.
- ❖ You often switch from "heat" to "a/c" in the same day.
- ❖ You use a down comforter in the summer.
- ❖ You carry jumper cables in your car and your wife knows how to use them.
- ❖ You design your kid's Halloween costume to fit under a raincoat.
- ❖ You know all the important seasons: Almost Winter, Winter, Still Raining (Spring), Road Construction (Summer) Deer & Elk season (Fall).
- ❖ You actually understand these jokes and share them with all your friends in the Northwest or those who used to live here!